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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN ABOUT US POLICY ON PLO

1. WE HAD A CALL FROM SENATOR JACKSON'S OFFICE THIS
MORNING WHICH AMPLIFIED AND EXCEEDED CASE'S EXPRESSION
OF STRONG CONCERN ABOUT UNITED STATES POSITION ON PLO
REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORT FROM H.

2. JACKSON'S STAFFER INQUIRED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT VISA
LIMITATION ON PLO DELEGATION COMING TO UNGA, AND REFERRED
TO B'NAI B'RITH LEGAL SUIT INITIATED AGAINST DEPARTMENT
TO PREVENT ISSUANCE OF THESE VISAS. HE SAID THE NOTION
IS INCREASINGLY WIDESPREAD THAT THE UNITED STATES POSITION
ON PLO IS SWINGING TO SUPPORT THE RABAT DECISION. THEY
CONCLUDED THAT WE ARE HEADING FOR DEEP TROUBLE AND SUCH
THINGS AS THE MIDDLE EAST AID PACKAGE CAN GO OUT THE
WINDOW.

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3. THEY REFERRED TO THE PLANNED NOVEMBER 4 RALLY AT

THE UN PROTESTING THE ARRIVAL OF THE PLO DELEGATION.

4. SENATOR PERCY, HOWEVER, SOUNDED A LESS ALARMIST NOTE.
HE IS CONVINCED WE PURSUED THE RIGHT COURSE AT THE UNGA

AND AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE TO DO SO, WE SHOULD NOT FEAR
DOMESTIC CRITICISM. PERCY'S CHICAGO OFFICE HAS NOT HAD
ANY SIGNIFICANT REACTION ON THIS SUBJECT TO DATE. HIS
OFFICE SAID THAT THE SENATOR BELIEVES THAT THE
POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS TROUBLE EXISTS, BUT IT WILL NOT
 ERUPT UNLESS SOME MISFORTUNE IN UNGA DEBATE OR
DRAMATIC NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT OCCURS DURING MIDDLE EAST
PHASE OF YOUR TRIP.

5 CONGRESSIONAL RECESS LIMITS POSSIBILITY OF CON-
GRESSIONAL REACTION AND WE ARE NOT ELICITING COMMENTS.
HOWEVER, THOUGHT YOU WOULD WANT TO HAVE THIS REPORT ON
THE ATMOSPHERE HERE.   INGERSOLL

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